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SUBJECT: RIHS NONPAPER DELIVERED TO KUWAIT'S NEW MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) During a February 22 meeting with new Minister for Social Affairs and Labor Shaykh Ali Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, the Ambassador advised him of U.S. concerns about the use of contributions to Islamic charities to finance terrorism and encouraged the GOK to adopt a more active approach. He commended the GOK on its work in Kuwait to stop terrorist financing, but expressed concern that once contributions leave Kuwait the control over their use and the activities of locally-employed charity staff were unclear and appeared to be inadequate. The Ambassador passed the Minister a nonpaper (reftel) on the Revival of the Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS), informing him that the paper had also been passed by Treasury U/S Levey to the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Washington.

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